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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/936,512

Group Art Unit: 1745

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For: HEAT-SEALING MACHINE, HEAT-SEALING METHOD, EMBOSSING
METHOD, WORK PRESSING MACHINE AND WORKPIECE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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In response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2003,
applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute
the claims of Group I (claims 1-11) in this application.

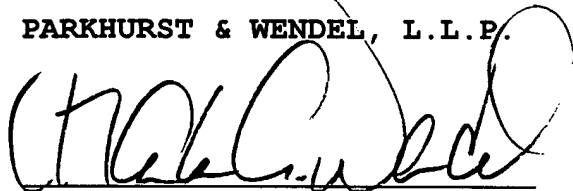
However, applicants traverse the restriction requirement since
the subject matter of all of claims 1-21 is sufficiently related
that a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the
elected claims would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete
search for the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Search
and examination of the entire application could be made without

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serious burden. See MPEP §803 which clearly states that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits." This policy should apply in the present application to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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